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SUBJECT: PRESS ACTIVITIES AT NASC

1. LATEST ADDITION TO BURGEONING NUMBER OF NONALIGNED NEWS AGENCIES SETTING UP SHOP AT CONFERENCE PRESS CENTER IS SYRIAN INFORMATION SERVICE (SIS) WHICH SUPPLYING FULL TEXT OF ASSAD ADDRESS AND PHOTOCOPIES OF THEIR TELEXES TO NEWSMEN. TWO MEMBERS OF SIS CLAIM THEY ARE MEMBERS OF ERITREAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT, APPARENTLY TRAVELING ON SYRIAN PASSPORTS AND WITH SYRIAN JOURNALISTS' ACCREDITATION.

2. NEWSMEN BEGINNING TO COMPLAIN OVER LONG TELEX DELAYS (UP TO TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS) OF NEWSSTORIES WHICH HAVE CAUSES THOSE WITH TIGHT DEADLINES TO MISS THEM. ATTRACTIVE BUT EXTREMELY SLOW TELEX OPERATORS ON DUTY AT PRESS CENTER HAVE BEEN THREATENED, CAJOLED, AND REASONED WITH BUT WITHOUT APPARENT SUCCESS. TUESDAY'S VERY NEWSWORTHY SESSION WITH SPEECHES BY LEADERS OF YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA, VIETNAM, ETC. BROUGHT ON HEIGHTENED TENSIONS AMONG NEWSMEN AND PRODUCED BOTTLENECK AMONG "BUSINESS-" ---USU-)Z TELEX OPERATORS.
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